

In the Specification:

Please rewrite the paragraph that bridges pages 5-6 to read as follows:

The determination whether to provide no-charge internet navigation can be triggered by factors other than the domain to which navigation is requested. For example, an airport internet kiosk can include a 2D optical sensor that images an ID or membership card presented by a user, and extracts machine-readable information from the resulting image data. If, for example, a user presents an Alaska Airlines Platinum VISA credit card, then free access may be permitted. If the user presents an Alaska Airlines MVP membership card, then browsing at a discounted charge may be permitted. If a user presents no card, or a card for which special privileges are not granted, then browsing at full-rate charges may be permitted. (Marking of cards with optically-readable information can be achieved in various ways, e.g., by digital watermarks. Digital watermarking techniques are well known; exemplary techniques are detailed in the present assignee's patent 5,862,260 and in copending application 09/503,881 **(now patent 6,614,914.)**) In other such embodiments, optical sensing is not required, and may be replaced by other verification techniques (e.g., mag stripe reading, RF ID, smart card technology, etc.). Although it is possible to permit users simply to type membership numbers at a terminal in order to receive privileged access, such approach may encourage unauthorized sharing of such numbers among users.